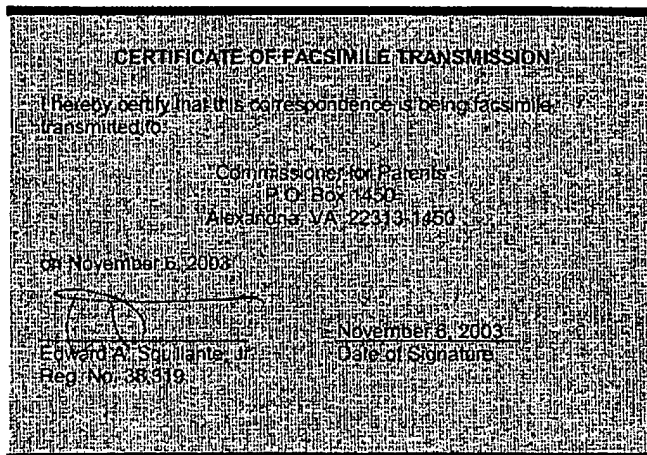


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OFFICIAL**PATENT**CASE #F7480(V)
UNUS #99-0130-UNI**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Van Buuren et al.
Serial No.: 09/868,944
Filed: September 24, 2001
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2003. Claims 1-11 were originally presented and remain the claims remaining for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 CFR §1.112, are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully wish to point out that this application has a Serial No. of 09/868,944 and a filing date of September 24, 2001 (to Van Buuren et al.), as indicated

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on Patent Office documentation. However, the original postcard for this application (a copy attached herewith) indicates that this application should have a Serial No. of 09/868,841 with a filing date of June 21, 2001.

U.S. Application No. 09/868,841 with a filing date of September 24, 2001 (to Van der Boom et al.), as indicated on Patent Office documentation, should, however, have a Serial No. of 09/868,944 with a June 21, 2001 filing date (please see attached postcard).

Assistance from the U.S. PTO is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.